Deteriorating condition of C.P.

2225. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is aware of the deteriorating condition of Delhi's landmark C.P. or Rajiv Chowk;

(b) whether there has been encroachment on large scale in C.P. and what action has been taken to restore and revive C.P; and

(c) whether there is a proposal to declare Rajiv Chowk as a heritage area with restrictions on any modifications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN):(a) and (b) New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) has prepared a proposal for restoration of Rajiv Chowk as per its original plan. The proposal for restoration of 'C Block of Rajiv Chowk as a pilot project has been submitted to Delhi Urban Art Commission (DUAC) and Heritage Conservation Committee. NDMC has reported that Rajiv Chowk area is almost encroachment free.

(c) NDMC has reported that Rajiv Chowk has been included in the list of heritage buildings in the NDMC area. Some modifications in the buildings in Rajiv Chowk shall be permitted with the approval of Heritage Conservation Committee and DUAC.

Khanna Committee for additions/alterations

2226. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1919 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th March, 2006 and state:

(a) the recommendations of Khanna Committee for dealing with additions/alterations in DDA flats which do not fall within the DDA guidelines;

(b) the extent to which it is structurally safe, if top floor allottees add half to full floor and the middle floor occupants build galleries projecting side ways;

(c) the steps Government propose to take to stop forthwith the trend; and

(d) the manner in which Government propose to deal with such